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Dear Dr. Heden:

May I offer my special thanks for your own efforts on the COSPAR planetary contamination question. As you point out, the recommendations of such a committee carry very great weight: I hope as much in the USSR as in the U.S.

I do count on being at Stanford in March and would look forward to seeing you then.

As to Professor Tiselius's suggestion, I would be delighted to hear more details and would be deeply interested in any means of achieving more effective communication. If there is any question of formal organization at this time I hope you will give some thought to not describing it as necessarily relating to harmful effects, since this might be a prejudgment in many possible areas of inquiry. The most important issues are too complex to be judged so simply.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Genetics

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